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To the Author of the DAILY GAZETTEER.

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SIR,

IN the *General Evening Post* of the 14th Inſtant, one who ſubſcribes W. W. has undertaken to defend Mr. *P*--'s *Eſſays on Man* againſt the Remarks of M. *Crouſaz*, who has charg'd Mr. *P*—*e* with being a *Fataliſt*, and with taking away all *Liberty* from human Actions, without which there can be no *Religion*, nor any *Reward* or *Puniſhment* in a future State. Now how does W. W. vindicate Mr. *P*—*e* againſt this Charge? Why, he very gravely tells us, 'We cannot interpret the Paſſages to which M. *Crouſaz* has taken Exception, in an *unlimited* Senſe, without *ſuppoſing* Mr. *P*—*e the moſt inconſiſtent Writer living*;' which juſt what M. *Crouſaz* not only ſuppoſes, but proves. W. W. is pleas'd to ask ſeveral ſhrew'd Queſtions: Is it to be imagined (ſays he) that Mr. *P*— ſhould mean to juſtify all human Actions? If theſe be all right in themſelves, or in reſpect of their Agents, why has he wrote Satires? And why emptied ſo many Quivers in vain?' To which I anſwer; Mr. *P*— emptied his *Quivers* to fill his *Purſe*; and as he wrote his *Satires* merely to get *Money*, they have not been written in vain. They may alſo have done him ſome good upon another Account, by affording him an Opportunity of giving Vent to a great Overflowing of Gall, which might otherwiſe have endanger'd his *precious* Life. They have likewiſe ſerv'd him to blaſt the Reputations of all the greateſt Poets of our Nation; ſuch as *Chaucer*, and *Spenſer*, and *Milton*, and *Shakeſpear*, and *Johnſon*, and *Beaumont* and *Fletcher*, and even his pretendedly admired *Dryden*, and his dear Friend *Congreve*; upon the Ruins of all whoſe Fame, he has, in his Imitation of *Horace*'s celebrated Epiſtle to *Auguſtus*, endeavoured to erect his own *Poetical Throne*, that he may reign the *ſole Tyrant of Parnaſſus*.

WHEN W. W's Hand was in, why did he not take Notice of the Piety of Mr. *P*——? who has moſt devoutly turn'd his *Prayers* into *Verſe*, and pruriently printed them for publick Sale, and thereby prov'd his *Godlineſs* to be *Gain*. If W. W. would do Mr. *P*—*e* any real Service in this Controverſy with M. *Crouſaz*, he ſhould apply himſelf to explain and defend this Diſtich (which I take to be the Maſter Key to all his four *Eſſays on Man*)

Laugh *where* we muſt, *be* candid *where we* can,
But vindicate *the Ways of* God *to Man*.

Tell us, good W. W. what Neceſſity there could be for Mr. *P*—*e* to *laugh at all* whilſt he was *vindicating* the Ways of *God*; and why Mr. *P*—*e* (ſince he confeſſes he cannot *always* prevail upon himſelf to be candid) ſhould have dared to meddle with ſo great and important a *Subject*; or, indeed, with any other Subject above *the Rape of the Lock*. Does not this Diſtich ſhew, that, with Mr. *P*——, *Ethicks* are *Jokes*, and *God* himſelf a *Jeſt*? The Truth of the Matter is, Mr. *P*——'s Genius is peculiarly turn'd to the *Mock Heroick*; he ſhines in *Banter*, but grows dull whenever he would appear *Serious*. As to his *Satires*, they are very often *General*, (contrary to the Examples of the ancient *Roman Satyriſts*) and upon *Bodies* and *Societies* of Men in a *Lump*; all the *Profeſſors* of the *Law* and of the *Goſpel*, all the People of the *Court* and the *City*, nay, the whole Nation, are indiſcriminately charged by Mr. *P*——*e*, with a Conſpiracy to *Cart Virtue, and to exalt Vice in Triumph*. Whenever he happens to be *particular*, if a Lady of Quality be his Subject, he politely crys out, *Madam! you are p—x'd*; and, if a venerable Judge, he genteely exclaims, *ah! you Hangman!* Sometimes he libels the *higheſt* as well as the *beſt Characters* in the Kingdom; and, at other Times, he laſhes perjur'd and pillory'd *Villains*, Wretches below the *Scourge* of the *Executioner*: And all this while (which is the very Cream of the Jeſt) he pretends to imitate *Horace*; and, for raiſing the Price of his Copy, has been ſo indiſcreet as to print the Verſes of that *fine, courtly Satyriſt*, with his own *Billingſgate*. But how ridiculous is the *Compariſon*? It would not be more abſurd to compare a *Fiſh-woman* with her Oyſter Knife, to the delicate Hand and Lancet of Mr. *Cheſſelden*. I ſhall not at all concern myſelf with Mr. *P*——'s *Politicks*, which W. W. has moſt impertinently brought in Queſtion; for what is it to us what political Opinions the *Man* profeſſes, who refuſes to acknowledge his Majeſty to be his lawful King, and to give the Government the ſlender Security of his Oath for his good Behaviour?

I am, SIR,

Your humble Servant,

M. P.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Jan. 2. We hear from Stonehaven, that a Sloop belonging to Aberdeen, —— Bean Maſter, was loſt laſt Week in that Bay. The Crew took to their Boat, but the Seas were ſo high, and the Weather ſo ſtormy, that in all Probability they would have been overſet, had not the King's Boat ventured to their Aſſiſtance, which came up with them juſt in Time to ſave their Lives. The Sloop and Cargo are entirely loſt.

Laſt Week died at Grantsfield the Lady of Capt. Grant. She was firſt Lady Kinnaird, and afterwards married to the Right Hon. the Earl of Aboyne.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Briſtol, Jan. 6. Monday Morning a Barge up River unfortunately broke from her Moorings, and driving againſt the Bridge, ſunk under one of the Arches. She was laden with Oats, Tobacco, Oil, Rum, Wine, Sugar, &c to a conſiderable Value; but a good Salvage was made of the Casks that floated, by the Boats and Veſſels in the River, near the Bridge.

Thurſday Morning about two o'Clock happened here the moſt dreadful Storm of Thunder and Lightening that ever was known in the Memory of Man at this Time of the Year. The Claps of Thunder ſeem'd to ſhake the whole Frame of Nature, and greatly ſurprized the Inhabitants of this City, who were apprehenſive of conſiderable Damage being done thereby; tho' hitherto we have heard of none. But the violent Showers of Rain and Hail, attended with boiſterous Gales of Wind, have flooded the Country around, and ſwell'd our River to that Height Yeſterday, as to make its Way againſt the Tide of Flood with a full Torrent.

Exon, Jan. 5. On Monday 38 Tranſports were carried down the River in a cover'd Lighter, to be put on board one of Mr. Davy's Veſſels bound for Maryland, from whence a Ship of his is juſt arrived in our River with 400 Hogſheads of Tobacco. In the Channel two of her Crew were ſtruck down with Lightening, and very much hurt, and 'tis believed one of them is paſt Recovery.

The heavy Rains, attended with high Winds and Lightening, which of late have fallen in theſe Parts, have done incredible Damage; and we expect to hear of the Loſs of many Lives from the Violence of the Floods.

Yeſterday the Tiverton Waggon, coming from Topſham hither, loſt two of the Team by the Rapidity of the Flood, and the Remainder were ſaved with much Difficulty.

The Water is now even with the Key; and as the Weather ſtill continues ſtormy, all neceſſary Precautions are uſing to preſerve the Shipping.

Sarum, Jan. 1. Laſt Week were committed to our County Gaol, John Bezar, Edward Davis, William Andrews, and Simon Peace, for being concerned in the late Riot at Melkſham in this County, by pulling down and demoliſhing the Sheer-Shop of Mr. Henry Coulthurſt, &c.

On Monday died ſuddenly, as he was coming from Trowbridge to Langford, William Smith, Weaver, one of the Perſons concerned in the ſaid Riot.

HOME PORTS.

Leith, Dec. 27. Arrived the Providence, Cromwell Hamilton, from London; a Dogger from Hamburgh for Oyſters; John Pollock, from Stockton with Pottatoes: And on the 29th, arrived the May, Daniel Maciver, from Seville; the Janet, William Mitchell, from Bilbao; the Concord, James Young, from Rotterdam. Sailed James Arbuthnot, for Yellmouth, to load for the Streights.

The Ann Galley, William Hunter, is arrived from Gottenburg.

Liverpool, Jan. 5. Arrived the True Briton, Thornton, from Antigua.

Briſtol, Jan. 6. Arrived here ſince our laſt, the Sarah, ——, from New England; the Kyrle, Townſhend, from Bremen; the Carolina Merchant, Gibbs, from Stockholm; the Providence, Sheppard, from Petersburgh; the Rotterdam Merchant, Holdriche, from Rotterdam; the Cork Packet, Cary, from Cork; and Rebecca, Woodford, from New York.

Falmouth, Jan. 4. Arrived the King George Packet from Lisbon, and the Eagle Packet from the Groyne; the Delight, Wadmore, from Southampton for Lisbon; and the William and Margaret, Turner, from Tinmouth for Bilbao. Wind W.

At Nevis is arrived the Tuiat, Moon, of and from Liverpool. At Jamaica is arrived the Bonetta, Wheatley, of and from London. At Cork is arrived the Betty, Sprowles, from Antigua for London.

Portſmouth, Jan. 7. Since my laſt, is come into the Harbour the Ship Carew, Curtis, from Malaga; the Rainbow Sloop, Skone, from Havre de Grace; the St. Ann, Guedon; and the La Amiable David, Canel, both from Diep. Remain at Spithead the 5 Ships of War, and 3 Dutch outward bound India Men, as mentioned in my laſt.

We have had for 5 or 6 Days paſt very hard Gales, much Rain, Hail, Thunder and Lightening.

Deal, Jan. 7. Wind N. W. All the outward bound Ships as per ſeveral Days paſt, remain in the Downs. Came down ſince and remains, the Haſlemere, Webſter, for Madeira and the Weſt Indies.

Gravesend, Jan. 7. Paſſed by the Fanny, Oliver, from Antigua; and the Charles and Mary, Lyon, from Lisbon.

LONDON.

Laſt Sunday ſe'nnight died at his Seat call'd Leed's Abby near Maidſtone, Sir Roger Meredith, Bart. one of the Repreſentatives for the County of Kent in the late Parliament; by whoſe Death the Title is extinct.

We hear that Horatio Walpole, Eſq; youngeſt Son of the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, deſigning to travel in the Spring, has declin'd ſtanding for King's Lynn; and that therefore John Turner, Eſq; the late Mayor, has declared his Intention to ſtand for that Corporation.

The laſt Letters from Jamaica ſay, that in September laſt the Hon Matthew Concanen, Eſq; his Majeſty's Attorney General for that Iſland, was married to Miſs Needham, a moſt accompliſh'd young Lady, with a handſome Fortune, who is the Daughter of Mr. Needham, a wealthy Planter there, and Siſter to Robert Needham, Eſq; one of the Members of Parliament for Old Sarum in Wilts.

We learn from Abergaveny in Monmouthſhire, that one Mr. Edward Williams, Officer of Exciſe there, on his Survey in the Country, met with three unknown Smugglers, and deſiring to know what they had got, one of 'em clap'd a cock'd Piſtol to his Breaſt, and ſwore, if he perſiſted, he'd ſhoot him; the Officer, not intimidated, perſiſted in his Duty; upon which a fierce Engagement enſued, wherein the Officer received divers dangerous Cuts and Bruiſes, but behaved in ſo couragious and gallant a Manner, that at laſt he put the 3 Smugglers to flight, and made a Seizure of about 180 lb. of Tea, one Horſe, and two Saddles, and brought off, as a further Trophy of his Victory, a Hat and Wig.

The Honourable Commiſſioners of Exciſe, for Encouragement and Reward of ſo much Bravery, have order'd Mr. Plummer, Collector of Exciſe, to propoſe him for the firſt Foot Walk that happens in his Collection; to pay all Charges of Cure, and that

no Endeavours be wanting to bring the Offenders to condign Punishment.

On Wednesday last about Two in the Afternoon, three Highwaymen very well mounted, robbed two Gentlemen upon Finchley Common going towards Barnet; from one they took a Gold Watch and a Diamond Ring, three Guineas and a half, and some Silver; from the other they took about 3 l. and his Silver Spurs, and afterwards rode off towards Finchley Church.

The Lectures at Gresham College are appointed to be read every Morning during Hillary Term at Nine o'Clock in Latin, and Three in the Afternoon in English, by the following Gentlemen, viz.

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Saturdays, Henry Pemberton, M. D. Physick.

The same Day in the Afternoon will be a Lecture on Musick.

On Friday next the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor holds the first General Seal before Hillary Term at Lincoln's Inn Hall.

Last Saturday Morning died at Peasemore, in the County of Berks, the Rev. Mr. Needham, Nephew and Chaplain to the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Kilmurry.

Yesterday Morning Thomas Richards of Arundel, in the County of Sussex, Esq; was married at Audley-street Chapel to Mrs. Garbatt of Lewes, a Lady of great Merit and Fortune.

Last Sunday Night the House of Mr. Cotton at Paddington, was broke open and robbed of divers Things, to the Value of 60 l. which the Rogues carried off undiscovered.

Yesterday Morning two Coaches and Six going to Oxford, were robbed by two Highwaymen between Shepherd's Bush and Acton, of a considerable Booty.

Last Sunday Morning the Lady Powlett, Wife to the Right Hon. the Lord Nassau Powlett, was brought to Bed of a Daughter at his Lordship's House in Dover-street.

The same Evening the Lady Conolly, Wife to William Conolly, Esq; Member of Parliament for Aldborough, and Daughter of the Right Hon. the Earl of Strafford, was brought to Bed of a Daughter at Mr. Conolly's House in Charles-street, St. James's Square.

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